(e) the period taken for settling each case during the period 1999-2002, case-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (e) Twenty representation from SC/ST employees of CSIR have been received during the period 1999—2002 (till date). Out of these, one case was closed in Commission as the petitioner had approached the CAT. Of the remaining nineteen cases in ten cases the replies from the concerned authorities are awaited. One case is under process and in remaining eight cases the factual position has been intimated to the petitioner.

Finalization/settlement of the representation depends on the feedback/ response received from the authorities and it has always been the endeavour of the Commission to settle such complaints as quickly as possible. There is no time limit for settling representation from employee.

Integrated Watershed Development project in Gujarat

1322. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integrated Watershed Development Project for Rural Poverty Alleviation through land based activities in Mehsana, Saberkantha and Dahod districts is pending with his Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(c) by when the same will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The project proposal titled "Integrated Watershed Development for Rural Poverty Alleviation" in the tribal areas of Sabarkantha and Dahod Districts of Gujarat involving an amount of Rs. 319.15 crores as prepared by the Gujarat State Land Development Corporation Ltd. (GSLDC) has been forwarded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Government of India, to this Ministry.

The project was considered in joint meetings held in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture. The Government of Gujarat and the GSLSC were advised to modify the proposal as per the prescribed Government norms propose year-wise dovetailing of activities/resources under different schemes and accordingly include the portion to be funded

by this Ministry under a prioritized list of the State Government for funding under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has also advised the State Government to explore the possibility of external funding.

The State Government are yet to modify the scheme and send a revised proposal to various Ministries of the Government of India.

Capacity utilization of super single colour sheet-fed Offset Machines

1323. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Printing had purchased 12 Nos. P.O. 36 Super Single colour Sheet-fed Offset machines worth Rs. 174.18 lakhs;

(b) whether CAG during its investigation assessed the capacity utilisation of the said machines at only 6.22 per cent;

(c) whether Director (Ptg.), in connivance with the firm, misled Government and recommended to Government for purchase of said outdated machines; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the said officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) 12 Nos. P.O. 36 machines were purchased in 1995 at a total cost of Rs. 167.39 lakhs plus taxes.

(b) The capacity utilization of 6.22% has been indicated in a special investigation report of audit. The audit has assessed this capacity utilization on the basis of rated capacity. The audit has multiplied the maximum speed of the machine with the total annual working hours. In reply to these observations of audit, it has been explained that capacity utilization is worked out with reference to annual assessed capacity of the machine. The maximum speed can only be achieved in ideal conditions which do not exist in practice. Further, the speed at which a particular machine can be run also depends on the nature of jobs and various other factors. With the passage of time there is erosion in the operational efficiency of the machine also. Therefore, the annual Assessed Capacity of the machine is assessed at regular intervals and it keeps on changing with passage of time. This clarification has been provided to the audit on 7.8.2001 and no further comments have so far been received from the audit. The capacity utilization of these machines on the